

In the Claims:

Please replace the listing of claim in the application with the following listing:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) Restraining apparatus for coupling ~~two or more~~ at least two users comprising at least one spine member with at least two lateral attachment members for coupling the users to the spine member, the spine member having two planes, and having more flexibility in one plane than in the other.
2. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, where the spine member is an elongate member selected from the group consisting of a rod or plate ~~rod and a plate~~ from which the lateral attachment members extend sideways.
3. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim ~~1 or claim 2~~, wherein the spine member is inextensible along its long axis.
4. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the spine member is rigid in its vertical plane but has a degree of lateral resilience.
5. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the spine member is at least partially formed from a material selected from the group comprising plastics material, composite material, and resilient materials.
6. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the spine comprises a stiffening member to enhance rigidity in one plane.
7. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the stiffening member is at least partially formed from a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, metals and composite materials.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the attachment members are releasably secured to the spine member.

9. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the attachment members comprise elongate arms extending laterally from the spine member.

10. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the arms have properties selected from the group consisting of are flexible and/or axially extensible and/or compressible flexibility, axial extensibility, and compressibility.

11. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the arms are pivotable with respect to the spine member.

12. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~two or more~~ at least two arms are provided and at least two of the arms are pivotable with respect to each other.

13. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8-12~~ claim 8, wherein respective attachment members extend from different sides of the spine member.

14. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8-12~~ claim 8, wherein attachment members are staggered along the spine member.

15. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, including harnesses worn by each user and wherein the attachment members are adapted to attach to the harnesses.

16. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the attachment members are adapted to attach releasably to the harnesses.

17. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, incorporating luminous, reflective and/or light emitting devices.

18. (Original) A method of securing or restraining a person, comprising harnessing the person to a spine member via an attachment member, the spine member having at least two planes, and having a different degree of flexibility in respective planes.

19. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein more than one person is harnessed to the spine member.